

Spanish hostages rescued

AMMAD, Feb. 11 (R). — Spanish police rescued two high-level political hostages today and said they had freed some of the urban guerrillas who kidnapped them. Police had been searching for Senor Antonio M... de Oriol y Urquijo, President of Spain's advisory council of State, since he was abducted on Dec. 11. Another man freed today, Lt. Gen. Emilian Villacampa...

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AJC denounces Quaker group

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (R). — The American Jewish Congress (AJC) today denounced the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker humanitarian group, for recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organisation as an element to be included in Middle East peace talks. The AJC's action was a response to a Quaker invitation to a weekend seminar on the Middle East. The invitation said the Palestinians have a right to their own state and the PLO should take part in a renewed Geneva conference. Among those attending the Quaker conference are an Israeli reserve General, Matti Peled, who is here as a private citizen, and a number of American Jews.

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AMMAN (JNA). — Huge crowds lined the Royal Palace Court Friday and offered condolences on the death of Queen Alya to His Majesty King Hussein. His Majesty Crown Prince Hassan, members of the royal family, and the late Queen Mother, Her Majesty Zein Al Sharnaf...

Her Majesty Zein Al Sharnaf. She was accompanied by the Minister of Social Affairs, Dr. Amal Othman, and the Secretary General of the Egyptian Presidency, Mr. Raouf Abdin. The Speaker of the Syrian People's Assembly, Mr. Mohammad Ali Al Halaby, arrived at the head of a parliamentary delegation to offer condolences to King Hussein. Mr. Al Halaby and his party also visited the home of the late Health Minister, Dr. Mo-

hammad Al Bashir, and expressed their sympathy to members of his family. An Omani delegation headed by Prince Tameim Ibn Shihab, Personal Adviser to His Majesty Sultan Qabus, and former Syrian Premier Mahmoud Al Ayoubi also presented their condolences. A Moroccan delegation led by Prince Ali, the cousin of His Majesty King Hassan, arrived in the evening to offer condolences.



Former Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Ayoubi (centre), former Prime Minister Zaid Rifa'i (2nd from right), and Chief of the Royal Cabinet, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf (extreme right), offer their condolences to His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and the father of Her Majesty the late Queen Alya, Mr. Bahaudin Toukan.

King Hussein receives cables of condolence

AMMAN (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein received cables of condolence on the death of Queen Alya from a large number of kings, emirs and presidents of Arab and friendly countries.

These included Sheikh Hamad Ibn Mohammad, ruler of the Fujairah Emirate of the United Arab Emirates; President Muammar Qadhafi of Libya; Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip of Britain; King Baudouin of Belgium; King Karl Gustav of Norway; President Pinochet of Chile.

PRINCE MOHAMMAD VISITS FAMILIES OF DECEASED

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Prince Mohammad Friday paid a visit to the families of the late Minister of Health, Dr. Mohammad Al Bashir, Lt. Col. Badredine Zaza, and Lt. Col. Muhammad Al Khass, who died in the helicopter crash with Her Majesty Queen Alya, to express his condolences.

King Hussein also received telegrams of sympathy from His Highness Sheikh Khaled Al Qasbi; Crown Prince of Ras Al Khaimah; Mr. Khaled Al Fahoum, Speaker of the Palestinian National Council; Mr. Amir Abbas Hoveidi, Iranian Prime Minister; Prince Rainier of Monaco; the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester; Prince Michel De Bourbon; and former...

Fahmi invites Genscher to Geneva

AMMAN, Feb. 11 (R). — Egypt's Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi invited West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher to visit him in any resumption of Geneva Middle East peace talks. Fahmi said he would like to play an active role in national efforts to resolve the Middle East problem, but to invite you to come to Amman. Fahmi was speaking to German Foreign Minister Genscher, who arrived here today from Bonn for a two-day visit, which he will have discussions with Egyptian leaders and prospects for resuming the talks.

Vance envisages "very active U.S. role" in M.E.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (Agencies). — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance wants to discuss in depth reports that Palestinian leaders are taking a softer line towards Israel when he visits the Middle East next week, he said in an interview with the New York Times published today. But Mr. Vance expressed unwillingness to put forward a specific peace plan for the Middle East, envisaging instead a "very active role" by the United States. A settlement should be worked out with the parties in the conflict and the role of the United States should be to help them reach a solution acceptable to everyone, the secretary of state said. He went on: "If there has been a moderation in the Palestinian position, then obviously this would be a helpful step. This is something that I'd want to find out first hand from the Arab leaders. I would like to find out whether they share this view. There is increasing talk that this is the case and I want to explore this in depth with them." Mr. Vance would not be drawn on the question of a future Palestinian state. He said there were three key

elements for a negotiated settlement in the Middle East: Peace, an Israeli withdrawal from occupied territory and "finding a way to meet the legitimate interests of the Palestinian people." The U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance also told reporters that he will make a recommendation to President Carter on the proposed sale of controversial concussion bombs to Israel before leaving on his Middle East trip on Monday. The highly destructive bombs were promised to Israel by President Ford during the final stages of the presidential election campaign. President Carter told a news conference on Tuesday that he was reviewing the sale but had not decided yet whether to cancel it. Mr. Vance was questioned by reporters following a two-hour private meeting with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to discuss his six-nation Middle East trip, described as a fact-finding mission for the president. He said a study on the question of supplying nuclear reactors to Egypt and Israel would not be completed by the time he leaves for the Middle East. The reactors were promised by Mr. Vance's predecessor, Dr. Henry Kissinger, as part of the Middle East partial settlement package between Israel and Egypt. Mr. Vance said no requests for fighters had been received from the Egyptians. A Senate staff report made public yesterday said Egypt was seeking to buy F-5 fighters from the United States.

Clashes resume around Beirut

By Bernard Debusmann BEIRUT, Feb. 11 (R). — Hard-line Palestinian guerrillas and Syrian troops of Lebanon's 30,000-strong Arab League peace-keeping force clashed fiercely for the second day running today, with concentrated mortar fire sending civilians racing for shelter. Syrian soldiers in the area said the fighting centred on the Palestinian refugee camps of Sahra and Shatila and the adjoining Bourj Al Barajneh district on the southern outskirts of Beirut, near the capital's international airport. Rightwing sources said today 18 people had been killed in yesterday's clashes -- 15 Palestinian commandos and three members of the peace force, including an officer. A huge column of smoke rose from Shatila camp today as mortar shells, fired from peace force positions on Beirut's sea front, slammed into the area. The shells set several small houses ablaze. Sabra residents said that fighting erupted shortly after midnight. Five hours later, loud-speaker vans of the Palestine Armed Struggle Command -- the Palestinian commandos' military police -- called on the guerrillas to cease fire. There was no immediate response. The residents reported seeing ambulances carrying dead and wounded, but the numbers were not known. This correspondent counted 21 shells in less than one hour in the direction of Shatila camp. The explosions were interspersed by the rattle of machinegun and light weapons' fire. A Syrian non-commissioned officer at a roadblock near the camp said the fighting was between the peace force and commandos of the Popular Front

for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC). It was not known just what had caused the new outbreak of violence, the worst for two months. The peace force said yesterday it had come under fire as it tried to stop fighting between two rival wings of the PFLP-GC. Residents in the area said rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and even tanks were being used. But the action on the southern outskirts of Beirut had relatively little impact on life elsewhere in the city. Traffic flowed freely through western Beirut's Hamra district. Less than a mile from the fighting, an attractive young woman in a black skirt slit up to the thighs was trying to hitch a lift, apparently unconcerned by the explosions in the background. Small arms fire was also heard today in Beirut's commercial district, reduced to ruins by prolonged shelling during the 19-month civil war. But residents in the area said there had been only an isolated clash. The peace force said tonight its troops had come under fire

during renewed clashes in the Sabra and Shatila camps. It added that the troops shelled the firing posts and took up positions. Shots were still being heard tonight at the time the statement was issued, the statement added. Meanwhile, in Israel, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said today agreement had been reached on the withdrawal of Syrian units from Nabatiyeh, south Lebanon, starting next week. Speaking to municipal and village heads in northern Israel, the prime minister said diplomatic efforts made with the help of the United States had produced an agreement under which the Syrian soldiers would leave Nabatiyeh early next week before the arrival of U.S. Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance, in the region. Israeli Foreign Ministry sources said yesterday that Israel's Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Simcha Denitz, who had been expected to return home in advance of the U.S. secretary of state's visit, had been told to stay in the United States till the Nabatiyeh question was settled.

Waldheim: Further talks could bridge M.E. gap

CAIRO, Feb. 11 (Agencies). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, who arrived here today from Israel on the final stage of his Middle East peace mission, said he still believed the Geneva peace conference could be reconvened. Dr. Waldheim, who was met at the airport by Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi, told a press conference: "I still think we will be able in our further consultations to bridge the gap which exists so that the Geneva conference can be reconvened." He said there was a serious will on all sides to reconvene the conference. "The question is under what conditions, and here there are still differences which will have to be clarified," the secretary general said. At a press conference in Jerusalem before leaving for Cairo, Dr. Waldheim said the Palestinian attitude had changed and was "more flexible."

Dr. Waldheim said that Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive Committee, was now ready to accept a Palestinian entity "which is different to that previously demanded by the PLO." The secretary general added that his impression during his previous stops in the capitals of Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia was that their leaders have become "more flexible and expect that meaningful and substantial negotiations will follow as a result." But Israeli leaders felt that this flexibility was not enough he said. They wanted clearer, more tangible signs. He said he believed the coming session of the Palestinian National Council, the PLO's equivalent of a parliament, would be "crucial." He said he saw no current threat of renewed war. But he urged further efforts "to grasp the current wave of moderation, or else frustration, bitterness and despair will again dominate the Mideast scene." He was convinced that Israeli leaders were ready to "go to Geneva" even in the midst of a parliamentary election campaign, but with the same participants as in 1973 -- which would exclude the PLO. Asked in Cairo whether Israel was prepared to recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the sole representative of the Palestinian people, he said: "No. They are not." Dr. Waldheim said the question of PLO participation at Geneva, as demanded by the Arab World, was one of the questions which still had to be resolved. Answering further questions, Dr. Waldheim stressed that he was impressed by "the identical views expressed to me by all Arab governments and parties." The secretary general said he would continue his consultations after he returns to New York and pointed out that he had to make a report to the U.N. Security Council on his Middle East trip by March 1 at the latest. Dr. Waldheim, who leaves tomorrow, will be having talks with Mr. Fahmi to brief him on the results of his tour.

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The Royal Hashemite Court regretfully announces the passing away of Sharif Abdul Karim Ja'far, the husband of Her Royal Highness Princess Haya, who died at Heliopolis Hospital in Cairo on Feb. 10. The Royal Hashemite Court offers its deepest condolences to His Majesty King Hussein and the Hashemite Family.

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President Sadat wins overwhelming support for law and order measures

CAIRO, Feb. 11 (AFP). — President Anwar Sadat won overwhelming popular approval in yesterday's referendum for the strong security measures he introduced in the wake of last month's riots over government-planned price increases. According to official returns, 99.42 per cent of the votes cast were in favour of the measures, the same proportion that voted for Mr. Sadat when he went to the country for a second term of office last autumn. The measures included such stern punishments as hard labour for life for strikers and demonstrators and prison terms for tax evaders. Foreign observers were surprised by the high turnout in yesterday's poll -- 96.69 per cent of the electorate -- since they had reported seeing few voters turn up at polling stations in the capital. According to the final results only 54,138 people voted "no." Egypt with a 40 million population has only 9.6 million voters because a large number of those eligible are not registered in electoral lists. The newspaper Al Gomhuriya reported that about 50 people were arrested in Cairo, Alexandria and Port Said for distributing leaflets urging voters to boycott the referendum. It said those arrested were workers and students belonging to the outlawed Egyptian Communist Party. Newspapers and television appeared anxious to point out that support for the emergency measures came from all classes of Egyptian society. News reports seemed to confirm that the whole of the population had heeded President Sadat's call for a campaign of national unity against what were called plots and sabotage. Registered voters who failed to cast a ballot were subject to fines of about one pound (same sterling). Observers saw the referendum as an attempt to show Egyptians and the rest of the Arab World that President Sadat was master of a situation which appeared to have slipped from his grasp when the disturbances broke out on Jan. 18 and 19. He appeared to be anxious to demonstrate that he had the support of all Egyptians against any attempts at subversion from inside or outside the country. But Willie Musururwa, publicity secretary of Mr. Nkomo's African National Council (UANC), said today it was difficult for the party to comment on the referendum idea until Mr. Smith had made a full statement on how the test would be carried out. Dr. Gordon Chavimuduka, Secretary general of the Bishop of the United African National Council (UANC), said today it was a waste of time, energy, labour and money. "It is quite obvious that the referendum will be rigged and the results will be accepted by no country in the whole world, not even South Africa," Mr. Musururwa said.

Black nationalists give Smith plan mixed reception SALISBURY, Feb. 11 (R). — Black nationalists gave a mixed reception today to Prime Minister Ian Smith's tentative plan to ask Rhodesia's six million blacks which leader they prefer on the road to majority rule. The consensus in political circles here was that a referendum would produce a strong vote for Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the nationalist leader effectively snubbed by black African in favour of his rivals, Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, who are allied in Rhodesia's "Patriotic Front." Mr. Smith, who is believed to have secured approval from South African Premier John Vorster this week for a new attempt at reaching an internal settlement excluding the patriotic front, has hinted strongly that he would like to deal with Bi-

shop Muzorewa. But his advances have been rejected so far by the Methodist clergyman. Dr. Gordon Chavimuduka, Secretary general of the Bishop of the United African National Council (UANC), said today it was a waste of time, energy, labour and money. "It is quite obvious that the referendum will be rigged and the results will be accepted by no country in the whole world, not even South Africa," Mr. Musururwa said.

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# A solemn atmosphere grips the court Broadcasting Union ends conference



Prince Hassan receives Governor of Jerusalem Anwar Al Khatib (centre). The late Queen Alya's father, Bahaddin Toukan, sits to his right.



Former mayor of Haeron Sheikh Mohammad Ali Al Ja'bari leads a group of mourners to the Royal Hashemite Court.

## Sympathisers flock to Jordan's embassies in Beirut, Damascus

BEIRUT (JNA). — Sympathisers on the death of Queen Alya flocked in large numbers to the Jordanian embassy in Beirut Friday.

Foremost of them was a representative of President Elias Sarkis, Premier Selim Al Hoss, Foreign and Interior Minister Fuad Butros, a dozen of the diplomatic corps who is the papal nuncio, top government officials, former prime ministers, the mufti of Lebanon, Christian and Moslem religious leaders, heads of Arab and foreign diplomatic corps in Beirut, Lebanese army and public security commanders, journalists, Jordanian community members in Beirut and a large number of Lebanese citizens.

A register of condolences was opened at the embassy for three days.

In Damascus at the same time, groups of sympathisers from various official and popular circles in Syria called on the Jordanian embassy to offer their condolences. Among them were the speaker of the Palestinian National Council, Mr. Khaled Al Fahoum and members of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Others included ministers, top officials, religious dignitaries, heads of Arab and foreign diplomatic corps, businessmen and labour and student union delegations. They expressed to the Jordanian ambassador their deepest sorrow on the death of the Jordanian Queen.

Jordanian citizens in Damascus and elsewhere in Syria also visited the embassy and asked the ambassador to convey to King Hussein their heartfelt sorrow for this tragic loss.

Flags were flown at half-mast are a number of Arab and foreign embassies in the city.

AQABA (JNA). — The news exchange conference of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) ended its meetings here Thursday afternoon by adopting a number of resolutions and recommendations aimed at developing news exchange among member countries.

The conference recommended a more effective use of satellites for wider news coverage.

## ILO head leaves Jordan after cutting short visit

AMMAN (JNA). — The Director General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Mr. Francis Blanchard, left here Friday on his way to his headquarters in Geneva, having cut short his visit to Jordan due to the death of the late Queen Alya.

Mr. Blanchard expressed his hope of returning to Jordan shortly to resume his talks with His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni concerning the ILO's contribution to Jordan's development plans. These are related to the organisation's activities, particularly the human development and vocational training programmes.

He was seen off at the airport by the minister of labour.

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Saudi riyal	94.6	94.9
Lebanese pound	107.5	108.1
Syrian pound	81.6	82.1
Iraqi dinar	940.0	948.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1.147	1.152
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## Condolences

### King Hussein receives cables of condolence

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U.S. Vice President Nelson Rockefeller.

Cables were also received from Mr. Ahmed Al Suweidi, the United Arab Emirates Foreign Minister; His Highness Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Hamad Al Thani; and Maj. Gen. Mu'arak Al Abdallah Al Sabah, head of the Kuwaiti Chief of Staff.

Others cables of sympathy came from Mukhtar Ould Daddah, President of Mauritania. The Presidents of Switzerland, Romania, Yugoslavia, West Germany, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Uruguay; Prince Abdallah, brother of the Moroccan king and his wife; Ismail Fahmi, Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister; Prince Mohammad Ibn Abdul Aziz Al Saud; former U.S. President Richard Nixon; the Belgian prime minister; the head of the Islamic Centre in Washington; the Governor of Chase Manhattan Bank; the director general of UNESCO; the head of the Islamic Federation Council in Europe; former British premier Edward Heath; the Iranian court chamberlain; Gen. John Bagot Glubb and Lady Glubb; Dr. Henry Kissinger; Patriarch Benedictos; and the head of the Arab Women's Union in Britain and the Jordanian-Australian Society.

Messages later came in from Algerian premier Houari Boumedienne and his Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Bouteflika.

In Paris, speaking to the Jordanian News Agency, French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud said he was shocked at the untimely death of Queen Alya as she was carrying out her humanitarian task. He said he extends his sympathy to King Hussein, the Hashemite family and the Jordanian people over the sad accident.

M. de Guiringaud said he was due to make a trip to the Middle East next week when he will visit Beirut, Amman, Damascus and Cairo carrying messages on the current situation in the area and bilateral relations between France and each of these countries.

He said he might postpone his visit to Jordan due to the death of Queen Alya. "I have instructed our embassy in Amman to put my programme at the disposal of His Majesty King Hussein and the Jordanian Government so they may put off my visit to Jordan if they deem fit," M. de Guiringaud stated.

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### KING SENDS CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF FAKHRUDDIN

AMMAN (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein Friday sent a cable of condolence to the acting President of India, Pabba Danappa Jatti, on the death of the Indian President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad.

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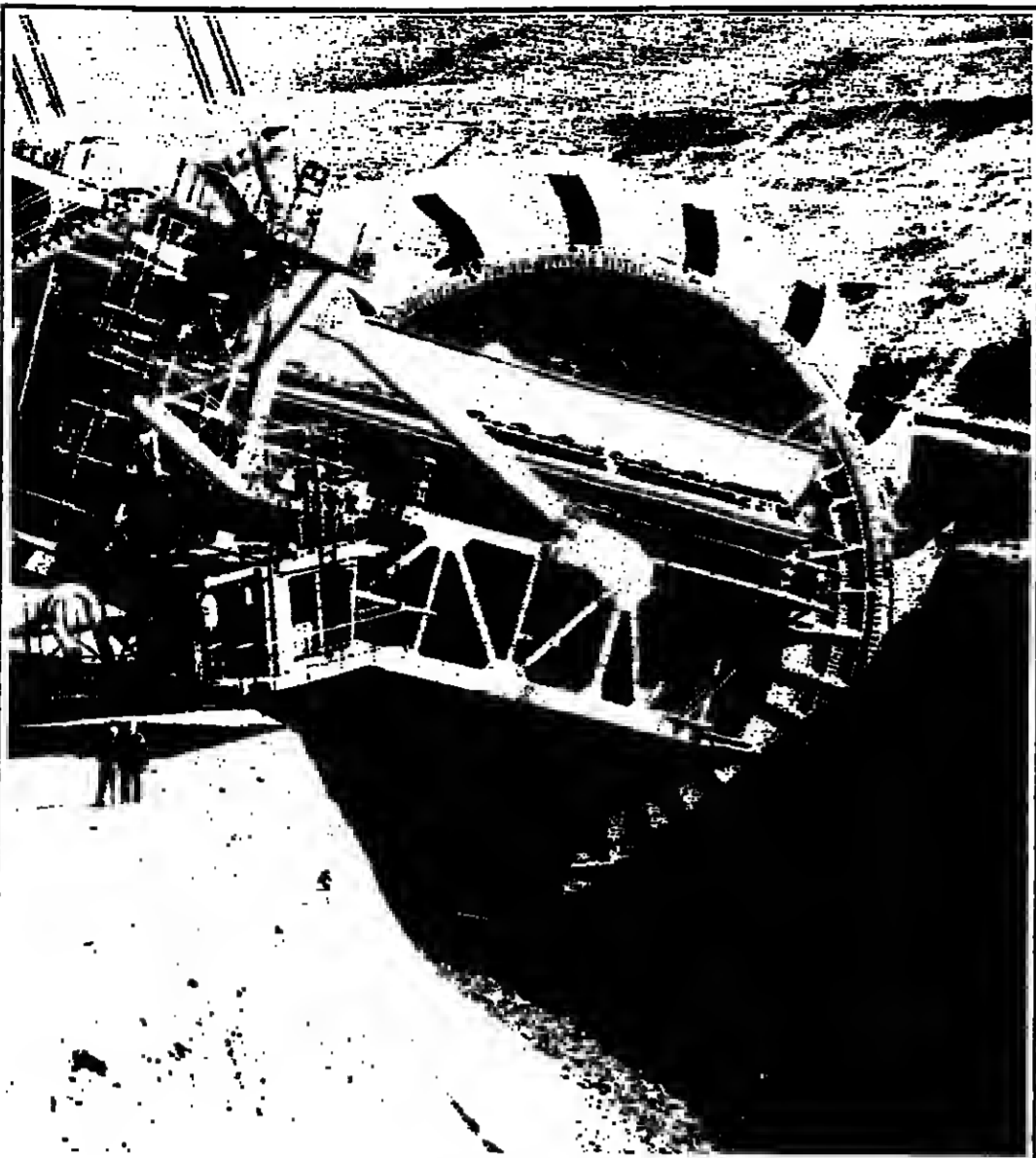
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# Indira Gandhi confounds pundits of doom by snap election decision

Mrs. Gandhi's surprise decision to hold an election has caught all her critics and political opponents on the hop. It seems to be her style to take big decisions at a time when they are least expected. A Gemini News Service correspondent examines the possible reasons for Mrs. Gandhi's election call.

By D. K. Joshi

NEW DELHI, (Gemini). — India's sixth general election next month for 542 Lok Sabha seats against 522 in the dissolved lower house) will not only be gigantic exercise involving about 300 million voters — unique in the democratic world — but an exciting drill for the restoration of the democratic health of India.

Perhaps it has become a part of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's style to take bold decisions at a time when they are least expected. She does not conform to any traditional mode and her actions seem to defy all political logic. Thus her decisions seem unexpected and have a dramatic effect.

Whether at the time of the great divide in the ruling Congress Party in 1969 or in June 1976 when the second emergency was proclaimed, Mrs. Gandhi acted in a manner which confounded all shades of political opinion, including those in her party. Her unscheduled broadcast to the nation last month announcing the elections was no less dramatic and a welcome surprise to all.

Mr. Gandhi has an uncanny instinct for judging popular mood. She must have calculated that an early election was desirable to ensure that popular faith in democracy was not eroded.

give expression to their sovereign will every few years" was recognised by her as an essential ritual to determine the legitimacy of her government.

Mrs. Gandhi enunciated the basic features of a parliamentary democracy in her broadcast: "Our system rests on the belief that governments derive their power from the people and that the people give expression to their sovereign will, freely and without hindrance, by choosing the government they want and by indicating their preferences for policies. The government so chosen has their complete mandate to carry out such policies ..."

"We also strongly believe that parliament and government must report back to the people and seek sanction from them to carry out programmes and policies for the nation's strength and welfare."

What had happened during the last 18 months since the emergency was proclaimed had led Mrs. Gandhi's critics inside and outside India to believe that democracy would never get back on the rails again. Their conclusion was based on what had happened elsewhere in the past; once a ruler assumes more powers he does not give them up voluntarily.

The logic behind their understanding is that a ruler begins to assume more and more powers when his alienation from the people begins. He cannot return to the old democratic norms because with the passage of time he begins to fear his own people. This is a one-way road to dictatorship.

But Mrs. Gandhi seems to have given political pundits watching events in developing countries some food for thought.

Leaders of opposition parties and political commentators have complained that little time has been given to the opposition parties to prepare for the battle of the ballots. They say three months should have been given after the release of the political detainees.

The other issue on which all opposition parties, including the pro-Moscow groups, are united is wanting the elections to be free and fair and that they demand the revocation of the state of emergency.

The basic test of the freedom and fairness of the March elections, they argue, will be how far the opposition have the freedom and opportunities to carry on their legitimate election campaign.

Mrs. Gandhi has already taken some steps in that direction. Former Deputy Prime Minister, Morarji Desai, and all political detainees except those belonging to banned political organisations have been released. The censorship order is not to be enforced and emergency rules are relaxed to permit normal political activity and electioneering.

The multiplicity of parties has been the bane of democracy in India. An outcome of the surprise election call has been

the uniting of the non-Communist parties into a national alternative. Four parties — Congress (Organisation) and Bharatiya Lok Dal, breakaway parties of the ruling Congress, the Socialist Party and the Jana Sangh (a Hindu nationalist organisation) — under the leadership of Sarvodaya leader Jayaprakash Narayan and Desai are to field candidates under the banner of the new Janata (People's) Party.

They will contest with one election manifesto, and they hope to start an era of a two — or three — party system. After more than a quarter century of freedom, India does not have a recognised opposition (for recognition a party must have one-tenth of the total members of the Lok Sabha).

A government in which has secured may will be in a position to take advantage of the change-over of Democratic administration of President Carter Washington.

The tirade by Mrs. Gandhi's son, Sanjay, the pro-Moscow Communist Party received a mixed reaction from opposition and also ruling party, also many of Mrs. G. critics.

Non-Communist opposition had written Gandhi assuring he they will play the cratic game and not to old tactics inside outside parliament.

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Is it because unexpected development took place after the extension or did she want to take the opposition parties by surprise?

Even before last November the consensus was that the most propitious time for the ruling party to hold a general election was March 1977. The reasons were: food was plentiful, inflation curbed, the economy buoyant and a feeling that there was growing popular recognition that the emergency had saved India from chaos and had brought, for the first time, an air of discipline and purposiveness.

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parties of three months preparation for the poll.

More generous comment believes that the steps to normalise Mrs. Gandhi's rule in the last two or months convinced her that re-was no longer any chance of returning to pre-emergency conditions and that she could be risked.

Other developments that had influenced Mrs. Gandhi are:

\* Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto decision to hold a general election on March 7. There is a tendency West to compare Mrs. Gandhi's policy with and Mrs. Gandhi to rebuff critics by holding elections in comparatively free atmosphere.

\* A government in which has secured may will be in a position to take advantage of the change-over of Democratic administration of President Carter Washington.

The tirade by Mrs. Gandhi's son, Sanjay, the pro-Moscow Communist Party received a mixed reaction from opposition and also ruling party, also many of Mrs. G. critics.

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## It's cold in the U.S., but the Earth may be warming

By Robert C. Cowen  
The Christian Science Monitor News Service

Although much of the United States is in the grip of the coldest winter so far this century, the Earth's climate itself just may be getting warmer.

The climate was warming up in the early decades of this century, but that tendency turned into cooling in the 1940s. Now, over the past 5 to 10 years, the cooling trend itself has leveled off, with some hint that there may be warming.

So far this season, the states west of the Rocky Mountains and Alaska have been having warmer than normal weather. But east of the Rockies, the winter been extremely cold.

Recent temperatures in the

Northeast have averaged 10 to 11 degrees F. below normal, while in the Great Plains they have dropped below normal by 12 to 19 degrees.

J. Murray Mitchell Jr., climatologist with the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, says that the 30-day forecast for east of the Rockies is more of the same. If that happens, he observes, "a month from now we can say we have just about made it for the coldest winter this century at least."

Meanwhile, the climate itself does not seem to be getting colder.

Academician Mikhail I. Budyko, a Soviet climatologist of world reputation, says that not only has Earth's cooling ended but that substantial warming has set in, due partly to car-

bon dioxide pollution. This gas in the atmosphere acts like the glass of a greenhouse to retain warmth.

Academician Budyko told the Soviet government press agency Novosti: "If the present rapid trend towards a warmer climate continues, in 5 to 10 years, climatic conditions will appear which have not been observed for many centuries."

American experts aren't prepared to go quite that far, although they agree the cooling has ended.

William W. Kellogg of the U.S. National Centre for Atmospheric Research notes that carbon dioxide buildup should cause warming over a number of decades. But it is hard to find any strong statistical trend.

Dr. Mitchell says: "We just aren't getting the same results as Budyko. The cooling has stopped — but we see no de-

finite warming except in the Antarctic."

However, Drs. Mitchell and Kellogg do emphasize that there is nothing in the weather patterns to suggest that this cold winter has brought back climatic cooling.

All in all, the weather is giving much of the United States what Donald Gilman, chief of long-range forecasting for the U.S. Weather Service, calls "the kind of old-fashioned winter people had begun to forget about."

That is the key to the perspective in which Drs. Mitchell and Kellogg see this frigid winter — it is unusual, but not unprecedented. There is nothing about it to suggest an unwelcome trend.

"If you go back far enough, we don't seem to be breaking many records," explains Dr. Kellogg. "By and large these anomalies of seasonal weather

are random. You see something anomalous somewhere in the world every year. We're just as likely to be back to normal next year as not."

Dr. Mitchell agrees, calling this season "a beautiful example of the variability of climate." In that connection, he points out that the last two decades have been abnormal in that they did not have such large year-to-year variations.

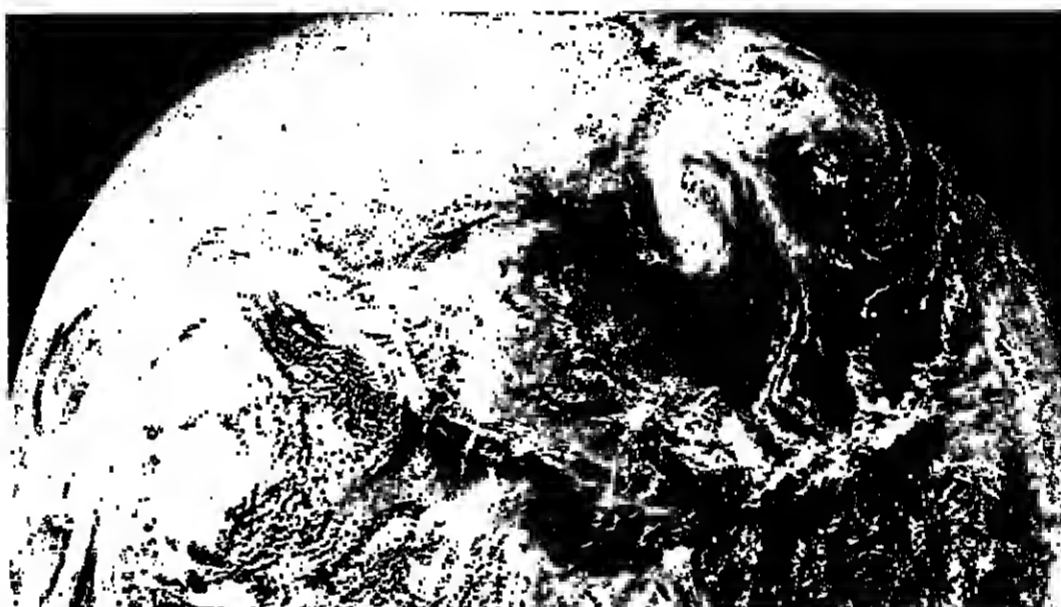
He warns that climate may be returning to "normal" as far as variability goes. That means people must be prepared for all seasons to run to the extremes of their normal cli-

mate more frequently than in recent decades.

As for trends that would shift those extremes themselves, that is where the possible warming trend comes in.

Dr. Mitchell says he has seen analyses of data since 1958, both at the surface and at higher levels in the atmosphere.

There is no doubt the cooling has ended and there just might be a warming trend which has not shown itself persuasively in the climatological data, except for Antarctica. That most frigid part of the planet definitely has been warming since 1958.



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### GOREN BRIDGE

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DEAR MR. GOREN:

We use convenient or-suit opening bids. Last night, I picked up the following hand: ♠K982 1099 ♣Q82 ♠AK. Since I was in a major suit, I naturally opened the bidding with one club—my longer minor. We ended in a 4-3 contract and I was pleased for my choice. Was he right? L. Thompson, Seattle.

A.—Pass. You do not have the strength to freely introduce your spade suit at the three-level. In view of the diamond overall, partner's hand might not even be worth the 16 points he has for his opening bid. For instance, if his holding includes K-J-x in diamonds, his working points could be as few as 12. To compete in spades is to court trouble. If partner wants you to bid, he can reopener with a double.

Q.—After East opened the bidding with one heart, we reached four spades on:

- ♠J932
- ♥A3
- ♦KQ3
- ♣K985
- ♠A1086
- ♥KQJ98
- ♦987542
- ♣10
- ♠763
- ♥A42
- ♦KQ754
- ♥76
- ♦AJ6
- ♣QJ10

West led the two of hearts. How would you play the hand?—R. Jaffe, Miami Beach, Fla.

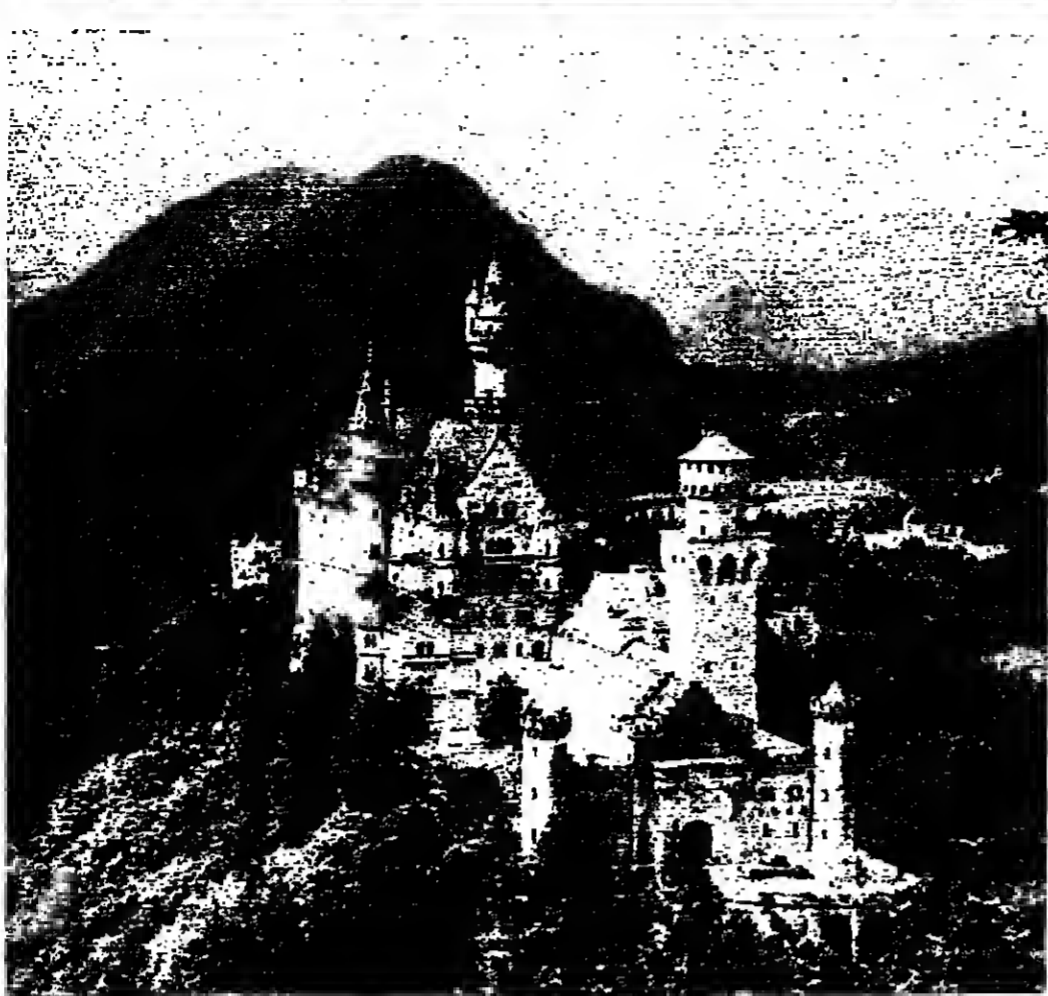
A.—You must lose a trump, a heart and a club. The only distribution that can trouble you is if one defender holds all four missing trumps. Since East must have the ace of spades for his opening bid, you must plan the play to avoid losing a second spade trick if East has four spades.

Win the opening lead in dummy and play the jack of spades. Best defense is for East to win the ace, cash a high heart and exit with a diamond. Win in dummy and lead the nine of spades. East must cover and you win with an honor.

Now it is dangerous to cross back to dummy with a diamond—East might ruff. But you can circumvent this impasse by simply playing clubs from your hand. Sooner or later, East will be forced to win the ace, and then he is endplayed. Regardless of what he returns, you will be able to get to dummy to take another spade finesse which you need to make your contract.

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**THREATENED FAIRYTALE** — Neuschwanstein Castle, perched on a pinnacle in the Bavarian Alps, was built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria little more than a century ago. Ludwig's fairytale folly is an important tourist attraction — last year 860,000 people visited the castle — which is being threatened by gradual erosion. Bavarian Finance Minister Ludwig Huber has given the go-ahead for the construction of a one-million mark support wall to stop the cliff at the rear from caving in.

## Your Daily HOROSCOPE

from the CARROLL RICHTER INSTITUTE

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** A good day and evening to be off to new scenes and with recent acquaintances although a note of caution must be given not to make demands or drive carelessly or some misfortune may occur. Otherwise, this is a very good day for you to extend your interests beyond present boundaries and to seek aid from the influential.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Good friends can be of real assistance to you today where new ventures and ideas are concerned. Use your hunches wisely. Be careful in driving and avoid a possible accident. Improve health.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Fine day for getting your financial affairs in better order and credit improved. Come to a better understanding with mate by asking questions directly. Show you are a thoughtful person.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Listen carefully to what associates have to suggest and try to cooperate intelligently with them. A new situation presents itself that could bring you greater good will from others.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21)** Use this day to clean up odds and ends. Take health treatments you need to restore vitality. Avoid one who does not appreciate you.

**LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21)** Plan time for hobbies you enjoy. Show affection for close ties. A fine day to express in a wise way a special talent you may have.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** If you have a frank talk with those who dwell with you, you can come to a fine understanding for the future. Do some entertaining at home that can prove most pleasant and bring excellent results.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** A more direct approach with others is wise since you can then become more productive. Handling correspondence intelligently is wise also. Get right to the point and don't be redundant.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** You have fine ideas about finances and should not hesitate in putting them across very quickly. Find very best way to improve property also. Avoid one who could get you into trouble.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Your personal aims can be gained if you pursue them in a positive and direct way now. Join in social fun where you can make the acquaintance of interesting personalities. Add to prestige you now enjoy.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Contacting an adviser you have trusted in the past is wise, since you can get good suggestions now regarding personal matters. Have a conference with persons you like and gain their backing.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Take time to get in touch with good friends and deepen the association. Accept any invitation extended to you. Make sure you get bills paid. Be careful in driving.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** You can understand now how to improve your position where career and civic life are concerned. Look for gadgets that can be helpful to you.

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"THEY'RE COMING! THEY'RE COMING!"  
"THEY'VE RESCUED MY SWEET BABBOO!!"  
"IS IT TOO LATE TO TURN AROUND?"

**THE BETTER HALF** By Barnes

"Can I tell what makes him tick when I don't even know how to wind him up?"

**THE FLINTSTONES**

"MAYBE THIS'LL HOLD YOU 'TIL LUNCH."  
"MAMA—WHA—DAH MEENO?"  
"OH, THAT'S CALLED A PRETZEL, HONEY!"  
"PRETZEL?"  
"I THOUGHT IT WAS A CRACKER DOUBLED UP IN FEAR OF BEING EATEN!"

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**MUTT AND JEFF**

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"ARE YOU HURT? I'M SO AWFULLY SORRY!"  
"NO, I'M ALL RIGHT, LADY! IT WAS ALL MY FAULT ANYWAY!"  
"YOUR FAULT? YOU WERE ON THE SIDEWALK!"  
"YEAH—SO SHOULD YOU! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN NOT TO WALK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SIDEWALK!"

**APOLOGY**  
The Jordan Times apologises for the non-appearance of the daily crossword. Our stocks have generally run dry, and in the meantime we're waiting our next batch from our suppliers in the U.S. We shall resume publication as soon as humanly possible.

# Nimeiri reshuffles Sudanese cabinet

KHARTOUM, Feb. 11. (R). — Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri today announced the appointment of new ministers of foreign affairs, finance and the interior in a major cabinet reshuffle.

The changes followed a recent conference of the ruling Sudan Socialist Union (SSU). No radical change of complexion in the new cabinet was seen here as most members had been in government circles for some time.

Dr. Mansour Khaled, Foreign Minister before 1974, was reappointed to the post, while retaining his present job of Assistant to the President for Coordination.

Mr. Al Sharif Al Khatim, former Minister of Local Government, became Finance Minister replacing Mr. Mamoun

Bihairi, who became Assistant to the Prime Minister for Economics.

Mr. Abdul Wahab Ibrahim, chief of Public Security, took over at the Interior Ministry, while retaining his old post. Mr. Abdullah Ahmad Abdullah, a Vice Chancellor of the University of Khartoum, became Minister of Agriculture.

President Nimeiri, speaking on television in his monthly "Face the Nation" programme, thanked the former cabinet for the "miracle" they had produced.

President Nimeiri had announced late last year that changes would follow the SSU conference in late January. A similar reshuffle came after the first party national conference in early 1974, and there have been others since.

# Death of Indian president pushes election campaign into political background

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11. (R). — Indian President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad died of heart failure today, plunging the country into 13 days of official mourning and pushing election politics temporarily into the background.

Mr. Ahmad, 71, died early this morning after suffering two heart attacks in quick succession. He collapsed in his official residence after the first attack and revived briefly, but the second attack brought on a coma and he died about two hours later.

Vice President Basappa Danna Jatti, 64, was sworn in shortly afterwards to hold the largely ceremonial office of president until a new head of state can be elected after next month's general elections.

Mr. Ahmad's death has overshadowed the hectic campaigning which has been building up towards the elections in five weeks time but is unlikely to have any impact on either their timing or their results.

The election commission announced today that the programme for nominations and other electoral procedures would be unaffected. Polling is from March 16 to 20.

But the routine daily press conferences of the ruling Congress and opposition parties were all cancelled and it seems certain that there will be no campaigning until after Mr. Ahmad's funeral on Sunday.

The late president's body lay in state covered by the Indian flag in the circular, marble-walled Durbar Hall, or audience chamber, of the presidential residence this after-

noon. Political leaders, officials, diplomats and thousands of citizens came to pay their respects.

In a message of condolence to Mr. Ahmad's family, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who was at the president's bedside when he died, said he was "a great Indian, a great gentleman, a great Muslim."

Veteran opposition figure Jayaprakash Narayan said in a message: "At this critical moment, the nation sorely needed his mature guidance and guardianship."

Cambridge-educated Mr. Ahmad, son of an army colonel, was born in Delhi and called to the bar from London's Inner Temple in 1928. He joined the Indian National Congress in 1935 and was twice jailed for non-violent protests during the "Quit India" campaign launched by Mahatma Gandhi against Britain in the 1940s. He spent a total of four-and-a-half years in jail under security rules.

Mr. Ahmad was elected president in August, 1974, and signed Mrs. Gandhi's Declaration of a State of Internal Emergency the following June.

He also issued orders suspending fundamental rights, but was believed to have been unhappy about the post-emergency mass sterilisation drive which angered Moslems and sparked riots in parts of northern India.

Mr. Jatti, who will be acting president until an electoral college of M.P.s and state legislators chooses a new head of state, is also a lawyer by training and a veteran Congress politician.

# Egypt seeks U.S. arms, Senate report says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (R). — Egypt is seeking 40 F-5 fighter planes, a large number of wire-guided anti-tank missiles and more transport planes from the United States, according to a report prepared for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The report, made available to Reuters yesterday by Senate sources, was prepared by committee investigators following a recent Middle East tour.

It also said Egypt was getting other military aid from western Europe, including Britain, to improve and supplement Soviet-built equipment.

The report said a major British programme, was under way "to improve" Egypt's Mig-21 fighter planes with better engines, fire control, electronic components and air frames.

Air-to-air missiles from France might be added to the Soviet aircraft in Egypt's arsenal and advanced communications equipment from Europe was replacing Soviet communications gear, the report said.

Despite such supplementary aid from west European countries, Egypt's dependence on Soviet bloc countries, specifically the Soviet Union, would continue because of the need for spares for Soviet-supplied equipment, the investigators said.

"We cannot say with any certainty how this translates into political connections with the USSR," they reported.

# Kissinger sells memoirs

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (Agencies). — Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has signed an agreement with a subsidiary of Time Incorporated to publish his memoirs, the company said yesterday.

Mr. Arthur Thornhill Jr., President of the subsidiary, Little, Brown and Company, said Dr. Kissinger signed the contract on Monday.

Mr. Thornhill declined to say how much money the company offered Dr. Kissinger. But he said he understood several publishers submitted bids.

He added that Dr. Kissinger's memoirs would cover his years

in government, first as President Nixon's national security adviser and later as secretary of state, between 1968 and 1976 -- a period which included the end of the Vietnam war and negotiation of an interim peace agreement in the Middle East.

Mr. Thornhill said he expected the memoirs would become a best-seller and "one of the most important books of this century."

Sources said Dr. Kissinger will get something in the region of \$2 million for his story.

# Marijuana may be responsible for Chicago train crash

CHICAGO, Feb. 11 (AFP). — Marijuana may be responsible for the crash here last week of two commuter trains on an elevated railroad in the centre of Chicago.

A police spokesman today disclosed that the driver of one of the trains was carrying four marijuana cigarettes at the time of the accident, which killed 11 persons and injured nearly 200 others. Police turned up the marijuana while searching the wreckage for identity papers the spokesman said. The driver, Mr. Stephen Martin, is still hospitalised. According to first indications of a probe, motorman Martin failed to heed a red light.

# Spain's Communists apply for legal

MADRID, Feb. 11 (R). — Spain's Communist Party, banned since the 1936-39 civil war, applied for legal status today and the right to contest parliamentary elections in the spring.

The move landed the government and the Supreme Court with the momentous decision of upholding or revoking a basic tenet preached by the late Gen. Franco for nearly 40 years — that Communism is Spain's

greatest enemy.

Surrounded by newsmen and photographers, five prominent Communists stroled into the Interior Ministry and deposited their party's statutes and other documents required under a ro-

yal decree issued yesterday. Under the decree, the government renounced its right to veto parties and left it to the Supreme Court to rule on dubious applications.

The government now has 10

to pass on the Communist application to the Supreme Court for a ruling which be given in 30 days.

Political observers said Interior Ministry was to avoid upsetting conservative generals already by recent political and the kidnapping of

# Juan Carlos flies home from Vatican

ROME, Feb. 11. (R). — King Juan Carlos of Spain flew home today after talks with Pope Paul and Italian leaders likely to enhance his domestic prestige.

In an unusually long 75-minute audience yesterday, the king won the pope's approval for his moves towards a constitutional monarchy in post-Franco Spain coupled with democracy and respect for human rights. This was seen as strengthening his position among Spain's conservative Catholics.

He also obtained the pope's thanks for his personal efforts towards reforming the 1953 Concordat governing ties between Spain and the Vatican, a gesture likely to win approval from some Spanish libera-

the European Common Market and of closer collaboration with Italy in the Mediterranean, was seen as another boost for the young monarch from a country where left-wing influence are strong.

President Leone said Italians were "very satisfied" with his reforming measures and hoped for the "entire success" of this policy to assure the Spanish people of a great future.

King Juan Carlos also gave an off-the-record briefing yesterday to influential editors of Italian newspapers. The press here has been generally favourable towards his policies.

Senator Ramon Tamara Communist Party's top man told reporters he was optimistic that the party would be legalised "because not totalitarian or dependent on anyone else."

Communist Party Secretary General Santiago Carde- neras, a leading exponent of "Eurocommunism" pledged independence from Moscow not accompany the del-

The Communists were on the list of which have applied for traction.

The high number of indicated the size of the tical battle shaping up elections.

# U.N. ASKS ISRAEL TO CEASE ARAB MALTREATMENT

GENEVA, Feb. 11 (AFP). — The United Nations Human Rights Commission is to send a telegram asking the Israeli government "to cease" ill treatment of prisoners in the occupied Arab territories.

The message, approved yesterday by 22 members of the commission, expresses "deep pre-occupation at the number of deaths of Arab detainees, attributed to the bad conditions under which they were held."

It asks Israel to take urgent measures to improve the conditions and to conform to the Geneva conventions on treatment of prisoners.

The Israeli ambassador, saying that his country was "once again the victim of hypocrisy," denied the charges. He said Israel gives prisoners the same rights as the occupied territories "far more rights and better treatment than the minimum called for in the Geneva conventions."

The king, who arrived here on Wednesday, received a warm welcome from Italian President Giovanni Leone and Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti last night at a dinner attended by the Communist Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies Pietro Ingrao.

This meeting, at which the king had an opportunity to discuss Spain's hope of joining

# Arabs pressure EEC for joint Mideast statement

TUNIS, Feb. 11 (AFP). — Arab nations were continuing to put pressure on the nine-member European Economic Community (EEC) here today to hammer out a joint declaration on the Middle East conflict.

The nine were reluctant to take up the issue in the framework of the three-day session of the General Committee of the Euro-Arab Dialogue, which goes on meeting here until tomorrow.

But EEC representatives agreed to the creation of two sub-committees, which the Arab League dubbed "political" and "technical."

The nine, ever reluctant to tie the dialogue to political considerations, called the new working groups simply "A"

and "B" — and both had own intent on sticking to own non-political nature.

In the Technical Group Arab delegation announced was ready to supply \$1 billion for preliminary studies certain rural building in Somalia, Sudan and Ethiopia. The EEC did not immediately put forth a figure on its posed contribution to the projects.

In any case, most focused on the political over the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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# Dassault head says Mirage assembly plant in Egypt makes business sense to France

PARIS, Feb. 11 (R). — The head of a French company which makes the Mirage F-1 fighter-bomber said today it would be more profitable for France to let Egypt build these planes under licence than to sell them fully assembled to Arab countries.

M. Benno-Claude Vallieres, Chairman and Managing Director of the privately-owned Marcel Dassault Company, welcomed France's move to allow Egypt to build 150 of the fighter-bombers under licence.

The new-style deal concluded last month involves supplying 200 of the advanced combat aircraft to Egypt and its Arab arms consortium partners.

M. Vallieres told the French business weekly, Le Nouvel Economiste, that manufacturing the plane under licence was the most desirable solution because "it allowed human contacts and ought normally to associate the two partners for a long period."

He said he did not think his company ran the risk of seeing Egypt export its own Mirage jets thus eroding French exports of military aircraft.

"Manufacturing licences and sales licences must not be confused," he said. "There is a legal guarantee for the company which grants its licence. It does not run the risk of turning its client into a future competitor."

A first batch of 50 Mirage F-1 jets will be delivered to

Egypt before the beginning of next year. The remaining 150 planes will be built over the next decade by the \$4-billion Arab arms consortium set up in Egypt.

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# Waldheim's visit to Cyprus may afford chance for renewal of negotiations

NICOSIA, Feb. 11 (AFP). — United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's brief visit to Cyprus tomorrow and Sunday may well result in the resumption of negotiations between the island's Greek and Turkish communities.

Mr. Waldheim's visit marks the first return to normal diplomatic activity over the Cypriot problem. The U.N. Secretary General will be followed a few days later by President Carter's special envoy, Clark Clifford, who is being sent out on an exploratory information trip to Nicosia, Athens and Ankara, as well as to the EEC countries.

The basic aim of these diplomatic efforts is to find a compromise which will allow the 600,000 Cypriots (77 per cent Greek and 18.3 per cent Turks) to coexist peacefully in a united country in spite of their centuries-old rivalries and internal wars.

Both the atmosphere in Cy-

prus itself and on the international political scene are favourable to the search for a peaceful solution to this long crisis.

Leaders of the two ethnic communities, Archbishop Makarios, the Greek-Cypriot president of the republic, and Mr. Rauf Denkash, President of the Federated Turkish State of Cyprus, met on Jan. 27 for the first time in 13 years.

The departure of U.S. State Secretary Henry Kissinger from the international scene should also help to defuse the situa-

tion he was particularly liked by the Greeks.

For the last few years have stopped throwing at the United States and instead now demure in front of the gates of pro-American slogans.

The new administration in Washington has made it wish to see an end to Turkish discord which is considered a permanent threat on NATO's southern flank. The Cypriot problem among the most important needs to be settled.

# Makarios prepared to accept "proportional" Cypriot federal state

NICOSIA, Feb. 11 (AFP). — President Makarios said here today that a federated Cypriot state would be acceptable "under certain conditions."

He made the statement in an exclusive written interview given today to Agence France-Presse, on the eve of the arrival here of United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

Archbishop Makarios was asked to explain what he meant when he stated he was prepared to accept an "honourable compromise" on the Cypriot problem.

He replied: "The Turkish Cypriot leadership stated many times that they want the Greeks and Turks of Cyprus to live separately. I do not think this separation is to the benefit of the Turkish Cypriot community."

"I accept however that there should be arrangements for separate existence as long as this is really the wish of the Turkish Cypriots."

"To make this possible the suggestion of a federal state is acceptable under certain conditions and prerequisites. We accept a federation in the sense that each community should have under its administration an area of territory proportionate to its population ratio."

"However", Archbishop Makarios continued, "certain basic principles and principles such as freedom of movement, freedom of settlement and the right of property should be respected."

"Otherwise, federation be tantamount to partition so the central government would have such powers as sure the unity of the state."

Archbishop Makarios was asked: "Taking into account the latest developments do you see any change in Turkish government's policy on the Cypriot problem?"

He said: "I hope I am wrong in my assessment. Impression that this time Turkish government really shies a settlement of the Cypriot problem."

"It can be said in this connection that Mr. Denkash's move for a meeting, on intentions from Ankara, also indicates a change in the Turkish policy on the Cypriot problem."

"I think the Turkish government also realises now that protraction of the Cypriot problem seriously harms its interests."

## ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS NEWS

### Paris meet held on ways to revive north-south dialogue

PARIS, Feb. 11. (R). — Senior officials from 19 oil exporting and developing states involved in the north-south dialogue met yesterday to discuss how best to re-activate their stalled negotiations with rich industrial nations.

It was the first full-scale meeting of the 19 delegation chiefs since the negotiations became deadlocked last November over demands by developing nations that oil and raw material prices be indexed to Western inflation.

The meeting, expected to

last two or three days, will be followed by one of the industrial nations involved in the dialogue — officially entitled Conference on International Economic Cooperation (CIEC).

The eight-member industrial side includes the United States, Japan and the European Common Market.

The dialogue, begun a year ago and designed to point the way to a more equitable world economic system, was originally intended to culminate in a decisive ministerial conference last December.

### More dynamic EEC ties with Turkey called for

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 11. (R). — European Common Market Industry Commissioner Viscount Etienne Davignon today called for a more dynamic EEC policy towards Turkey.

He told the community's European Parliament here that progress made in improving EEC relations with Turkey should not be regarded as sufficient.

"I think it is possible to persuade the Council (of EEC Ministers) to pursue a more dynamic policy towards Turkey," he said.

The strain in relations was caused by Turkish dissatisfaction over the terms of its Association with the community. After months of deadlock Turkey accepted modest improvements in the agreement last December to prevent what Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil called at the time a crisis in mutual relations.

Viscount Davignon told the parliament the community "must reactivate (the agreement) and make it more dynamic," but did not say how this should be done.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (R). — The U.S. Senate yesterday confirmed Mr. Richard Parker, a career diplomat and Middle East specialist, as the new U.S. ambassador to Lebanon. Mr. Parker, 53, was most recently U.S. ambassador to Algeria. He previously served in Beirut in the early 1960s and later in Cairo and Rabat.

PARIS, Feb. 11 (R). — The French Socialist Party said yesterday it had set up a parliamentary group to develop friendly exchanges with the Israeli Labour Party. The group's first activities would be to participate in reviewing the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union and a visit to Israel by a Socialist Party delegation in May.

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 11 (R). — Lieut.-Col. Megistu Haile-Mariam has been appointed Chairman of Ethiopia's ruling Military Council to replace Brig.-Gen. Teferi Bante who was killed in a palace gun battle last week, it was announced tonight.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AFP). — The U.S. State Department yesterday denied reports that Iraq had informed Washington that it wanted to re-establish diplomatic relations, suspended after the 1967 Mideast war. Reports had said that the possibility of the normalisation of Iraqi-American relations would be discussed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in the various Middle East capitals he will visit on his coming tour starting on Monday.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (R). — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat left here today for Saudi Arabia after a two-day visit and talks with Pakistan's Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (R). — President Carter will host a two-hour radio phone-in programme on March 5 to answer Americans' questions, the White House said yesterday. Top television personality Walter Cronkite will be at the president's side in the Oval Office to help him handle the unprecedented programme, to be called "Ask President Carter". It will be broadcast live by CBS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (R). — President Carter told government employees yesterday he doesn't like them "living in sin" and asked them to help convince American voters the administration was honest. He spoke to staff meetings at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Treasury. Mr. Carter told housing staff he had instructed White House aides to avoid marriage troubles.

AMMAN, Feb. 11 (R). — King Khaled of Saudi Arabia left Riyadh this afternoon to Europe for a medical check-up, the Saudi Radio reported. He was understood to be going to London for a hip operation. The radio did not say how long the king would be away.

## WALL STREET REPORT

Prices declined broadly Friday on the New York stock exchange where the industrial average lost more than 6 points bringing to 70 points the total loss of the Dow Jones since the beginning of the year. The drop was accentuated by the announcement by the Commerce Department that retail sales had declined by 2 per cent in January.

Losers outnumbered gainers at the close by a wide 853 to 531 margin.

At the close the industrial average shows at 931.52, a loss of 6.40 points; Transp at 224.24, a loss of 2.73; utilities at 106.08, a loss of 1.10. 20,510,000 shares changed hands, of which 3,500,000 during the last hour.

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed sharply lower on the last day of the account as selling pressure developed due to the lower rate of sterling and concern over further pay restraint negotiations, dealers said.

Government stocks lost up to one point among longer loans while shorts fell 3/8 to 5/8. Leading industrials saw losses ranging to 15p, although most falls were in the 6p to 10p band. At 15:00 the F.T. index was down 10.8 at 378.9.

B.P. remained firm in easier oils, gaining 14p after Wall Street's yesterday while the 'big four' banks lost 8p to 11p.

Mining shares eased in line with the lower gold bullion price and Australians also continued easier.

Fisons led leading equities lower with a fall of 15p while losses of 10p were recorded by Glaxo, ICI, Tubes and Beecham, falls of 4p to 8p were seen in Courtauld, Lucas, Reed, A.P. Cement, Tate and Lyle, EML, GEC, GKN, Thorn, Hawker and Unilever.

Brewery shares lost several pence more after news Thursday of a proposed government enquiry into beer prices and profit margins, with Bass down 5p, Guinness off 4p and Allied 3p lower.

Price of gold in London closed Friday at \$135.

## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

VIENNA, Feb. 11 (R). — Third World economic leaders said today that \$400 billion in capital investment would be needed to enable developing countries to achieve a major increase in steel production. A five-day United Nations conference concluded that Third World steel production should be quadrupled by the year 2000, possibly reaching 500 million tonnes or more annually. The conference, organised by the Vienna-based U.N. Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), brought together high-level delegates representing industry, management and labour from 64 countries.

PARIS, Feb. 11 (AFP). — France has credited Egypt with 650 million francs (about \$130 million) to buy food products, the Middle East News Agency reported yesterday. The loan is guaranteed by COFACE, the French Insurance Company for Foreign Trade.

AMMAN, Feb. 11 (R). — A delegation of experts from the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) arrived in Baghdad yesterday on a visit to Iraq, Baghdad Radio reported. It is touring the organisation's member states to find new ways of Arab cooperation in the field of oil, the radio said. The delegation includes experts in petrochemical industries, it added.

VIENNA, Feb. 11 (R). — Differing oil prices levels within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will not undermine its unity, OPEC's new secretary general said yesterday. Mr. Ali Mohammed Jaidah of Qatar, writing in the February issue of the OPEC Review, urged industrialised countries "to accept this as the unanimous sentiment of all OPEC member countries and, once and for all, to realise that we are here to stay."

LONDON, Feb. 11 (R). — Generous and responsible use of its great wealth has made Abu Dhabi the leader within the United Arab Emirates and a major force in the Arab World at large, a special article in the Financial Times said today. The article, in a 10-page survey on the Middle Eastern state, said that Abu Dhabi's influence acts as a stabilising factor in a region characterised by hectic economic growth. "Broadly stated, Abu Dhabi's aim is to be on good terms with everyone — except the Communists," the article said.

TRIPOLI, Feb. 11 (R). — Libya and Yugoslavia signed a protocol for technical cooperation, including a medical team for the new Libyan Polytechnic at Zawi, at the Health Ministry yesterday. Libya's Arab Revolution News Agency (ARNA) reported today.

Handwritten Arabic text: "مركز الصحافة"

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